

LABOR CONFERS WITH CAPITAL.

Solution of Industrial Problems Being Sought For.

MANY DISTINGUISHED MEN ATTEND.

Carnegie, Schwab, Hanna, Potter, Ireland, Gompers, Mitchell, and Others of Similar Eminence Compose the Convention.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—A highly important conference between labor and capital began in this city this morning. It was the opening session of the industrial department of the National Civic Federation. Oscar Straus presided. The sessions will last two days.

The object is to devise means to bring labor and capital into closer relations with a view of preventing strikes.

Distinguished Participants.

Senator Hanna, Charles M. Schwab, President of the Steel Trust; Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell, Archbishop Ireland, and Bishop Potter will speak before the conference. It is also expected that Andrew Carnegie, Felix Adler, and United States Commissioner of Labor Carroll D. Wright, will speak at the meeting. Several labor leaders from the West are expected today.

Senator Hanna Arrives.

Senator Hanna arrived last night. He said this morning:

"I am more than interested in this matter, as the problem involved in the relation between capital and labor is one of the most important now awaiting solution."

"This is the first time any effort on broad lines has been made to bring capital and labor to an understanding calculated to prevent strikes. I have not come here as the advocate of any particular scheme."

No Particular Plan.

"The plan to be adopted is a matter of discussion and deliberation. I would rather have the credit of making successful the movement to bring labor and capital into closer relations of confidence and reliance than be President of the United States. If by resigning my seat in the United States Senate I could bring to fruition the plans which we are fostering to make strikes, lockouts and labor disputes impossible, I would gladly do so. I would want no greater monument than to have the world remember that I did something to end wars between American labor and American capital."

Plan Most Favored.

Ralph M. Easley, after a long talk with Senator Hanna, said the plan which was most favored was that of signing agreements from time to time between employers and employees with no cessation of work while disputed points are under consideration.

NO INDICATION OF INSANITY.

Judge Kimball Refuses to Order Lunacy Proceedings.

William E. Drane, a smooth-faced, well dressed man about 35 years of age, was charged in the Police Court today with being disorderly on Seventh Street Saturday night. The father of Drane, a man about sixty-five, appeared in court and asked Judge Kimball that his son be examined as to his sanity. He had been in an asylum once, he said. A policeman said Drane was very drunk when arrested.

Drane declared to Judge Kimball that the statement that he was mentally weak was incorrect and a "dodge" to get rid of him.

"I was drunk Saturday night," he said, "and maybe I was crazy then. Any man is crazy when he's drunk. But this story that I'm crazy when I'm sober is wrong. I make my own living and attend to my own business, and will continue to do so."

Drane's conversation and manner did not indicate that he was crazy by any means, and Judge Kimball declined to order an enquiry on that line, but fined him \$5 on the disorderly charge.

ACCUSED OF A GUN THEFT.

A Young Man to Be Brought Here From Norfolk for Trial.

Detective Sergeant Bair returned to this city this morning from Norfolk, Va., bringing with him a young man giving the name of Harry Mulligan, who was arrested in that city by Detective Bair yesterday on the charge of having stolen a shot gun from the store of the L. C. Clarke Company, in Danville, Va., the early part of this month. Detective Bair recovered the gun from one of the pawnshops in this city several days ago and received information that the man who had pawned it had left for Norfolk. The firm in Danville was communicated with by Captain Boardman, and upon being informed of the nature of the robbery, the captain ordered Bair to go to Norfolk yesterday and arrest Mulligan.

Mulligan is said to be a young man of nice appearance, and gave his age when taken into custody by the Washington detective as twenty-three years. He claims, it is said, to be a secret service agent. Mulligan will be charged with grand larceny. Mulligan was formerly employed in one of the local theaters.

TRIED A FLIMFLAM GAME.

Two Strangers Who Visited Frank Decapo Sought by the Police.

Detective Sergeant Boyd is making an effort to locate two "con" men whom the police have every reason to believe are professionals in that line of work. The men are evidently strangers in the city and yesterday made a futile effort to "flimflam" Frank Decapo, of 952 Twenty-fifth Street northwest, out of \$70, but failed.

Mr. Decapo at once reported the matter to Detective Headquarters and Detective Boyd was despatched to a certain house in the hope of locating them. The men are both attired in dark clothes, and one is said to be about 45 years of age, while the other is decidedly younger.

Swallowed a Pork and Livers.

PARIS, Dec. 15.—A remarkable case was recently reported to the French Academy of Medicine. During an attack of typhoid fever a young man swallowed, though he does not remember how he came to do so—an iron fork eight inches long. The presence of the foreign body does not seem to have discommoded him in the slightest for a long time. Recently he experienced a prickly sensation in the epigastrium and decided to consult a surgeon. An operation followed and the fork was recovered. The patient is now perfectly well.

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GREAT INCREASE IN CUBAN EXPORTS

BUT IMPORTS SHOW A DECREASE

United States Leading in Commerce With the Island—Comparative Statement for the Years 1900 and 1901.

A comparative statement of the commerce of the Island of Cuba for the fiscal years 1901 and 1900 has been prepared in the division of insular affairs of the War Department.

The statement shows that the total value of merchandise imported during the fiscal year 1901 was \$85,000,141, as against \$71,681,187 for the fiscal year 1900; and the total value of merchandise exported during the fiscal year 1901 was \$63,115,821, as against \$45,235,346 for the fiscal year 1900, a decrease of 9.3-10 per cent in the value of imports and an increase of 39.5-10 per cent in the value of exports.

Imports and Exports.

The value of imports of merchandise from the several countries, respectively, during the fiscal year 1901 was as follows: United States, \$28,678,702, a decrease of 67-10 per cent. United Kingdom, \$9,280,949, decrease, 22-10 per cent. Germany, \$3,402,031, increase, 29-10 per cent. France, \$2,922,329, decrease, 18-10 per cent. Spain, \$9,536,045, decrease, 13-10 per cent. Other countries, \$11,828,585, decrease, 4-10 per cent.

The value of exports of merchandise to the several countries respectively during the fiscal year 1901 was as follows: United States, \$45,497,468; an increase of 31-10 per cent. United Kingdom, \$5,871,717; increase 34-10 per cent. Germany, \$5,729,480; increase 192-10 per cent. France, \$1,402,465; increase 22-10 per cent. Spain, \$579,302; decrease 29-10 per cent. Other countries, \$3,044,359; increase 52-10 per cent.

Articles of Commerce.

The value of breadstuffs imported during the fiscal year 1901 was \$3,354,749, an increase of 6 per cent. Provisions, meats and other foodstuffs, \$16,569,983; decrease 15-10 per cent. Coffee, \$2,082,945; increase 22-10 per cent. Starch, \$78,162; decrease 57-10 per cent.

Cotton and manufactures of, \$6,067,939; decrease 14-10 per cent. Silk and manufactures of, \$529,316; increase 7-10 per cent. Wool and manufactures of, \$686,639; decrease 18-10 per cent.

Vegetable fibre and manufactures of, \$2,056,824; decrease 39-10 per cent. Iron and steel and manufactures of, \$2,885,062; increase 156-10 per cent. Other metals and manufactures of, \$821,184; decrease 49-10 per cent.

Steam and sailing vessels, \$362,309, not classified in 1900. Machinery, machines, implements and

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NEWS AND GOSSIP FROM GEORGETOWN

ITALIAN RESENTS IMPUTATIONS.

Interest of Neighbors in Francesca Perna's Household—Danger of Potomac Freshet Passed—Personal and General Notes.

Francesca Perna is much incensed at the interference of her neighbors with the arrangements looking to the removal of her daughter, Katrina, to Italy. Mr. Perna is most affected by the report made to the Humane Society, charging him with neglect and cruel treatment.

In refutation of these charges it is asserted that when the society's agent visited Perna's comfortable home, in Tenleytown, he was shown first a heavy stock of flour, mackerel, potatoes, canned goods, and even luxuries for the exclusive use of the family. Then he exhibited the girl's wardrobe, showing a beautiful supply of clothes, then her comfortable bed room.

It was also shown that Katrina had \$100 in gold with the father had given her to satisfy reasonable girlish wants.

It was shown upon investigation, including a talk with the girl herself, that the only physical chastisement that she had suffered in a long time was a slap in the face received last June, upon her direct refusal to execute some duty assigned to her.

The father has agreed, it is said, to let the child remain in America, for the present, at least. He is a stone contractor and bears a reputation. Katrina is a particularly pretty Italian girl, who it is said has developed a few Yankee ideas respecting independence.

Freshet Fears Subside.

Indications along the Georgetown river front point to high water, but it is thought that it will subside before damage results. No ice is coming down, but considerable debris is being carried along by the swift current.

Reports from Harpers Ferry show high and swollen waters, and it is feared that wharf property would suffer were they allied today.

To Install New Officers.

The Grand Lodge of the Order of the Eastern Star of the District of Columbia will make its annual grand visitation to Mizpah Chapter tomorrow night. The officers elected two weeks ago will be installed by the officers of the Grand Lodge. The newly elected officers are: Mrs. W. H. Harrison, Worthy Patron; Mrs. W. H. Harrison, Associate Patron; Mrs. Mary Becker, Secretary; Mrs. Louise Wagner, Treasurer; Mrs. Blanche Wise, Conductress; and Mrs. Carrie Becker, Assistant Conductress.

A Temporary Pastor.

The Rev. Dr. Lodge, of Gaithersburg, Md., conducted the services at the New Columbia Baptist Church yesterday. Until a regular pastor is secured by the congregation, Dr. Lodge has offered to conduct the services every other Sunday.

Recovering From His Injuries.

Several days ago, George A. Wise, who has been seriously ill at the Georgetown University Hospital, was removed to his home, near Chevy Chase, Md. He has almost entirely recovered from his injuries received several weeks ago, in a collision with a Tenleytown car.

Burial of Mrs. Mary Boyle.

Mrs. Mary E. Boyle died Saturday morning at her home, 3269 M Street northwest. She was the wife of Junius I. Boyle. The funeral took place this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

LEGAL NOTICES.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, FRIDAY, THE 6TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1901.—CATHARINE C. McGOWAN et al. vs. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND ALIENES OF JOHN COX, THOMAS WILSON et al. No. 2764. Equity Docket 31.

On motion of the plaintiffs, by Ralston & Siddeley, their solicitors, it is this 6th day of December, 1901, ORDERED, That the defendants, the unknown heirs, devisees and alienes of John Cox, their heirs, assigns and assigns forever, William Theobald Wolfe Torrey, and the unknown persons claiming by, through or under them, cause their appearance to be entered on or before the first rule day occurring forty days after this day; otherwise the cause will be proceeded with as in case of default.

The object of this suit is to establish and perfect of record the title of the complainants in and to a lot of ground situated in what is now known as square 1219, in that part of the city of Washington, District of Columbia, formerly called Georgetown, and being known as and called King's Acre, described by metes and bounds as follows:

Beginning on the present east line of Thirty-third (formerly Market) Street at a point distant 47 feet north from the north boundary line of original Georgetown; running thence north on said street 48 feet 6 inches, more or less, to the southwest corner of a brick house, formerly owned by the late John A. King, deceased, and with said Thirty-third Street 48 feet 6 inches, and thence west 85 feet to the place of beginning, together with the use of the brick wall along the north line thereof, free of cost or charge. A copy of this order to be published in the "Washington Law Reporter" and The Washington Times once a week for three successive weeks before said rule day.

By the Court: C. BRADLEY, Justice, etc. True copy: Test: J. R. YOUNG, Clerk, etc. By J. W. LATIMER, Asst. Clerk, Dec. 16, 1901.

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